

noncommutative gravity with self-dual variables



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spacetime noncommutativity requires the introduction of new gravitational d.o.f.

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- \exists correction terms relevant close to the noncommutativity scale, leading to higher-derivative interactions
 - the commutative limit is a modified theory of gravity (bimetric theory featuring both torsion and non-metricity)

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trace over the lie algebra

$$*_H F^{IJ} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{IJ}_{KL} F^{KL}$$

$$*_H F = -i F \gamma_5$$

the curvature two-form (field strength)

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} F^{IJ}(\omega) \Gamma_{IJ} = d\omega - i\omega \wedge \omega$$

the lie algebra valued connection one-form

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \omega^{IJ} \Gamma_{IJ}$$

$$\Gamma_{IJ} = \frac{i}{4} [\gamma_I, \gamma_J]$$

the way tetrads are associated to vector valued one-forms

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invariant under gauge transformations Λ (lorentz transformations in the internal space)

$$e \rightarrow \Lambda e \Lambda^{-1}$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \Lambda \omega \Lambda^{-1} + i \Lambda d\Lambda^{-1}$$

$$F \rightarrow \Lambda F \Lambda^{-1}$$

with the gauge transformation Λ given by:

$$\Lambda(x) = \exp(-i\epsilon(x)) \quad , \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon(x) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{IJ}(x) \Gamma_{IJ}$$

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$$F_{\pm}(\omega) = d\omega_{\pm} - i\omega_{\pm} \wedge \omega_{\pm} = F_{\pm}(\omega_{\pm})$$

the self-dual (anti self-dual) part of the field strength is given by the field strength of the self-dual (anti self-dual) of the gauge connection

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similarly, for $\beta = +i$, a theory of an anti self-dual connection is obtained

let us concentrate on self-dual connections; similar results for anti self-dual case

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note: *it is a general feature of noncommutative gauge theories that the lie algebra of the structure group has to be extended in order to close*

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this is also the case for the lorentz algebra in the case of twist-deformed spacetimes

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deformed gauge symmetry and symmetry enlargement

ordinary gauge theories are modified by replacing the pointwise product of fields with a noncommutative product indicated with \star

noncommutative product

$$f \star g = \mu \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f \otimes g)$$

abelian twist

deformation of ordinary
pointwise multiplication

$$f \cdot g \equiv \mu \circ (f \otimes g)$$

$$f, g \in C^\infty(M)$$

spacetime manifold

bilinear operator μ denotes
pointwise multiplication

$$\mu(f \otimes g) = f \cdot g$$

twist

$$\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\theta^{\alpha\beta} X_\alpha \otimes X_\beta}$$

$\{X_\alpha\}$ a set of mutually
commuting vector fields

constant antisymmetric matrix: $\theta^{\alpha\beta} = -\theta^{\beta\alpha}$

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generic field in the theory *indicates the action of the group* *lie algebra generators*

gauge group elements defined as star exponentials:

$$g_\star(x) = \exp_\star (i \epsilon(x)^i T_i) = 1 + i \epsilon^i(x) T_i - \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon^i \star \epsilon^j)(x) T_i T_j + \dots$$

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enlarge the gauge algebra and consider more general infinitesimal gauge transformations of the form:

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$(\Gamma_{IJ}, \mathbb{1}, \gamma_5)$ is a set of generators of the reducible representation of $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ on dirac spinors

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new gravitational degrees of freedom

as a consequence of the enlargement of the gauge symmetry algebra, the field content of the theory is extended as:

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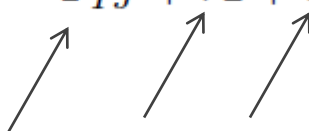
axial component

$$e = \underbrace{e^I \gamma_I}_{\text{polar component}} + \underbrace{\tilde{e}^I \gamma_I \gamma_5}_{\text{axial component}}$$

the generator γ_5 acts on e by exchanging its polar and axial components

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \omega^{IJ} \Gamma_{IJ} + \omega \mathbb{I} + \tilde{\omega} \gamma_5$$

field strength of the gauge connection:

$$F = \frac{1}{2} F^{IJ} \Gamma_{IJ} + r \mathbb{I} + \tilde{r} \gamma_5$$


field strength components

the lorentzian spin connection must be replaced by a $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ gauge connection and similarly the tetrad must be replaced by a bitetrad

the action of internal symmetries on fields

under an infinitesimal \star -deformed gauge transformation, the fields representing the basic dynamical variables of the theory transform as

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$$\begin{aligned} \delta e^I &= \epsilon^I_J e^J + 2i\tilde{\epsilon} \tilde{e}^I \\ \delta \tilde{e}^I &= \epsilon^I_J \tilde{e}^J + 2i\tilde{\epsilon} e^I \end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon(x) = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{IJ}(x)\Gamma_{IJ} + \epsilon(x)\mathbb{1} + \tilde{\epsilon}(x)\gamma_5$



a generic gauge transformation acts on the bitetrad as the composition of a lorentz transformation and a transformation generated by γ_5

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where $\chi = 2i\tilde{\epsilon}$.

and assuming it to be real

accordingly the relative scale of the two metrics transforms as:

$$\Omega^2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{\Omega + \tanh \chi}{1 + \Omega \tanh \chi} \right)^2$$

for $\chi \rightarrow \pm\infty$: $\Omega \rightarrow 1$

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this action is also invariant w.r.t. diffeomorphisms and \star -diffeomorphisms

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projectors

$$\text{where} \quad u = u^I \gamma_I, \quad u^I = e^I + \tilde{e}^I$$

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weyl vector $w = -4i\omega_+$

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interaction terms typical of ghost-free bimetric theories of gravity

further extensions of the model: higher-order curvature invariants

there are only two possible monomial invariants that can be built using only the field strength and its dual

the corresponding actions are quadratic in the curvature

*pontryagin
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$$S_P = \int \text{Tr} [\mathbf{F} \wedge_\star \mathbf{F}] = -\frac{1}{2} \int F^{IJ} \wedge_\star F_{IJ} + 4 \int (r \wedge_\star r + \tilde{r} \wedge_\star \tilde{r})$$

*macdowell-
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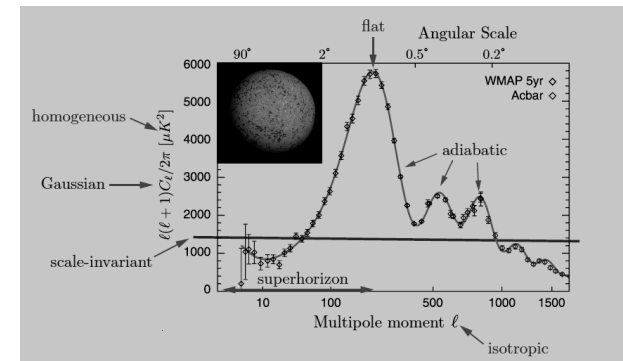
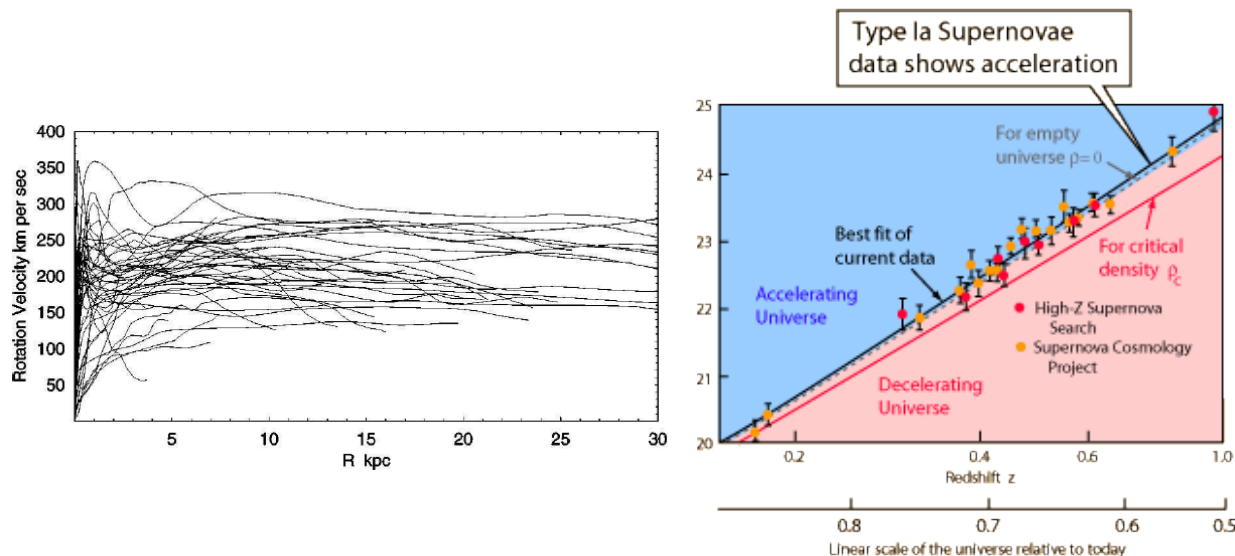
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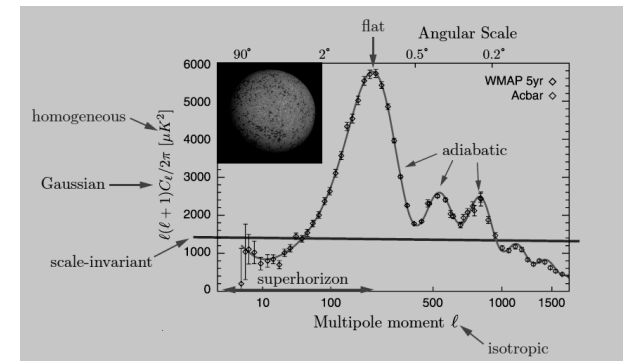
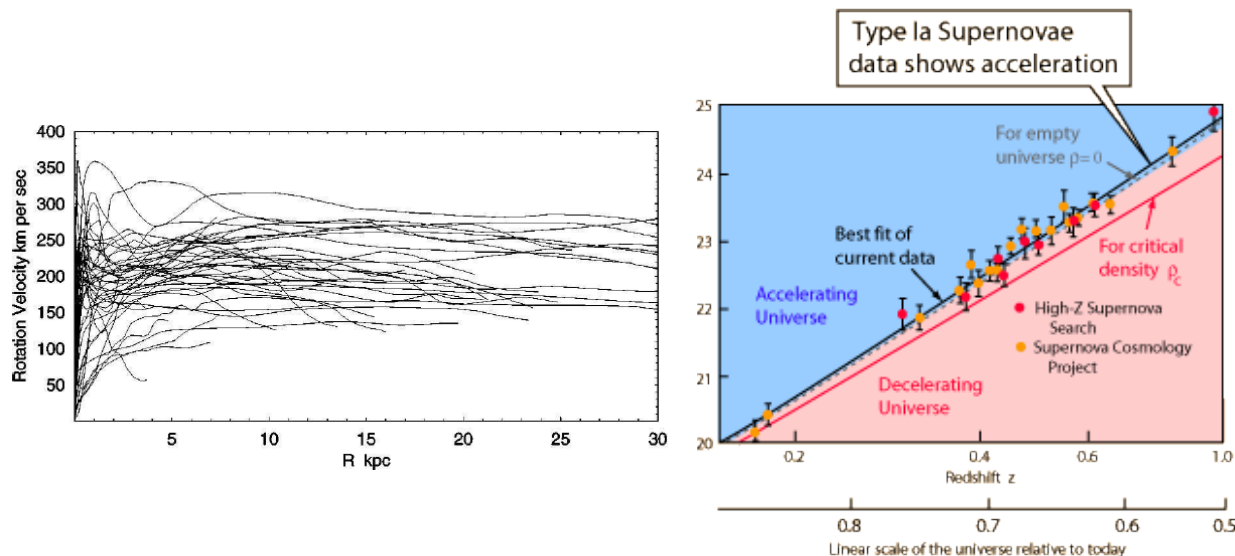
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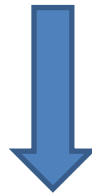
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